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PROMOTION OF SHORT PLAYS AND STORIES OF REGIONAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy being adopted by the Government to promote the short plays and stories of regional languages;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote them; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Government for this purpose during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) There is no separate policy for promotion of short plays and stories of Regional languages as the Government treats all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution at par for development of literature.

(b) The Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Akademi have different Schemes like Playwrights' Workshop in Indian Languages, Assistance to Yong Theatre Artists, Translation, Publication etc. that inter-alia take care of the short plays and stories.

(c) There is no separate allocation of funds exclusively for promotion of Short plays and Stories as it forms part of the overall developmental activities of the Akademies.